



Wife killed before explosion: Cops

♠ Magnitude of Lago Lindo devastation compared to that of 1987 tornado ♠ Police hope conclusion will let community move on

Police say that before a north Edmonton explosion levelled several homes and killed three people, the homeowner who died in the blast first strangled his common-law wife.

The Edmonton Police Service has wrapped its investigation into the June 20, 2010, blast, concluding the 18011–91A St. home blew up after a line was altered to leak natural gas.

"The house was filled up with natural gas and in order for that to happen you have to alter it," said EPS acting Supt. Darren Eastcott yesterday.

Dwayne Richard Poirier, 46, and his common-law wife Jeanne Cathleen Heard, 47, were found dead, as were neighbours Craig Donald Huber, 29, and Bradley Warren Winter, 26, following the massive blast that devastated the Lago Lindo neighbourhood.

Homicide detectives concluded Poirier killed Heard before the blast, but police are not saying



if Poirier's death was accidental or part of a possible murder-suicide.

Rita Carrothers, who worked with Poirier's mother, was surprised her street would see an explosion of this magnitude, cracking her home's foundation and rattling her daughter's

Devastating damage

- ▶ The Lago Lindo blaze destroyed four homes and caused damage to 40 properties, estimated at \$3.5 million.
- ▶ The "complex" investigation involved the EPS homicide section, EPS post-blast explosive technicians, Edmonton Fire Rescue Services' fire investigation unit, the chief medical examiner and the Alberta Municipal Affairs safety services division.

pictures streets away.

"Some of my neighbours thought it was a plane crash, some were knocked to the floor," said Carrothers, who said she's glad the investigation is over so people can move on.

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Charges laid in assault of senior

Edmonton police have charged a 45-year-old man in connection with an assault against an 80-yearold woman in a downtown seniors lodge early Sunday morning.

Marvin Arthur Witzaney of Edmonton was recognized by police officers Sunday afternoon and was arrested that evening.

Witzaney is charged with break-and-enter with intent, attempted breakand-enter, possession of an offensive weapon and a "serious assault-related offence."

He will appear in court May 25.

The senior remains in serious but stable condition in hospital. OMETRO

Twitchell appealing murder conviction

An amateur filmmaker from Edmonton who killed a man, hacked up his body and dumped it in the sewer is appealing his first-degree murder conviction.

Mark Twitchell has filed his papers with the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Twitchell was found guilty by a jury last month in the death of Johnny Altinger in the fall of 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Library stacking on resources

♠ More than \$3 million in crime-prevention funding announced ♠ Edmonton's downtown library, YOUCAN and iHuman Youth Society to benefit, among others



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Thanks to provincial funding, outreach workers will be working in and around the Stanley A. Milner Li-

brary come July. "We know that, at the library, we have many people who use the library as their daytime said Virginia Clevette, manager of the

Edmonton Public Library's Centre for Reading and the Arts. "It's a safe place, everyone is welcome."

"But we also recognize that many folks coming in are living a difficult lifestyle."

The downtown location is partnering with Boyle Street Community Services to hire 1.5 outreach workers who will develop relationships with marginalized youth

adults, and provide them with information on services available.

The pilot project, inspired by programs at both Halifax and San Francisco area libraries, is thanks to more than \$600,000 in funding over the next three years announced yesterday by Premier Ed Stelmach, who also announced funding for four other youth-oriented programs in Edmonton and Calgary.

"We used to just arrest people," he said.

"Then of course, they would cycle through the system again and again, sometimes throughout their lives. Now we're taking action before crime starts.



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Helping youth

YOUCAN Edmonton received \$1.4 million to hire outreach workers to address social disorders of at-risk youth aged 12 to 25 in community hot spots.

The iHuman Youth Society will also receive \$100,000 to provide strength-based programming for at-risk girls.



Councillors idling on bylaw

- More research desired on anti-idling bylaw for specific sites
- Seven Alberta municipalities have measures in place



The engines stalled again on an anti-idling bylaw yesterday, as a council committee waits to hear from those it would aim to protect.

City staff were directed to speak with school boards and Alberta Health Services before bringing forth a potential bylaw to council in June on curbing idling in areas where there are hospitals, centres for seniors and schools.

"In theory it's a wonderful idea and I think most people should support that," said John Hrdlicka, principal at Fraser School. "(But) I'd be very interested in how parents would feel about that and how supportive they would be."

The proposed bylaw would fine \$250 for idling longer than three minutes unless the temperature is below -10 C, though there are some exceptions.

Some councillors are hesitant because they worry the bylaw, which would depend on citizen complaints, can't be enforced. They argue an education campaign launched in 2009 instead of a city-wide bylaw should be revved up.

The town of Beaumont brought in an anti-idling bylaw in 2008.

"We don't get a lot of complaints," said Clarence Nelson, municipal enforcement officer. "And we haven't issued one ticket."





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Deliberate flooding may drown farmland

• Brandon city official says 300 homes could be affected by controlled release • Agriculture minister says no guarantee of total compensation

Enforcing leave

Police were patrolling Brandon's south side to ensure residents from about 400 homes were obeying orders to leave.

- Natural gas lines were shut off to homes due to fears that flood water could shift pipes and break them.
- Evacuees have been given up to \$29.90 a person each day and told to find a hotel or relative's home to stay.
- Returning home was only allowed in order to retrieve medication or check on sump pumps.

Lourens Arendse was grading and bagging onions on his prosperous vegetable farm in south-central Manitoba as recently as Monday afternoon.

By yesterday morning, he was frantically loading sandbags into his truck to try to protect his property from the leading edge of a controlled release from the Assiniboine River.

While the province says 150 homes could be impacted by the release, at least one municipal official savs as many as 300 houses and some of the province's most fertile farmland could be swamped.

In Brandon, city crews,

A quick decision?

Decisions involving the release, which could start today, were made within hours, said Kam Blight, reeve of the Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

"We were first notified midafternoon (Monday).

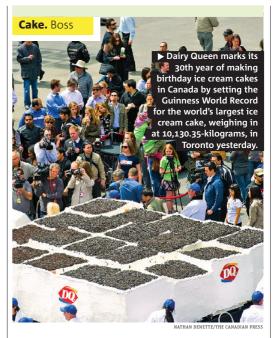
volunteers, army reservists and jail inmates seemed to be winning the battle against the swollen Assiniboine River despite steady

But the situation was different further east where We were told we had a few days and then plans changed as of 11 o'clock."

Blight said the decision to deliberately flood the area was made because of a sudden rush of water through a burst dike. But some are wondering if another region could have been picked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba announced it would open barriers and allow the Assiniboine to spill over a 225-squarekilometre area to relieve pressure on downstream

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10,000 kg with icing on top

Hundreds of people turned out yesterday in Toronto to witness the construction of the world's largest ice cream cake. The cake was solid ice cream in the centre, with 90 kilograms of sponge cake on the outside, 136 kg of icing and crushed Oreos on top.

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NDP says diploma flub | Man blames caused by staff error

The NDP is apologizing for a biography that stated a rookie MP obtained a diploma from an Ontario college when, in fact, she hadn't.

The party defended Quebec MP-elect Ruth Ellen Brosseau on yesterday, saying a staffer modified her online biography without her permission.

"We're sorry for this error and regret the harm done to Ms. Brosseau," NDP spokesman Marc-Andre Viau wrote in an email.

The NDP said Brosseau never told them she had earned a diploma, and only stated that she had studied there.

The party added that the single mother is two credits shy of completing the program, but had to cut her studies short to return to Ottawa to care for her son.

The NDP released the statement after Lawrence College denied that Brosseau ever earned a diploma in advertising and integrated marketing communications from the school — even though it's included in her NDP biography. The website has since been modified.



"She is not a graduate of St. Lawrence College," said Gord MacDougall, vice-president of student and external affairs.

"She did attend the college, but she did not finish her course of studies.'

MacDougall said the school was asked to investigate Brosseau's record by a media outlet.

"We can't disclose specific information about our students without their permission, but this one came to our attention that the claim was made publicly," he said.

When asked if St. Lawrence has concerns over false claims that someone earned a diploma there, he replied: "Of course, we do." THE CANADIAN PRESS

genital **HIV murders**

A man believed to be the first in Canada convicted of murder through HIV transmission blames an undescended testicle for his current situation. court heard yesterday.

The Crown is seeking a dangerous-offender designation for Johnson Aziga, 54, convicted in April 2009 of two counts of first-degree murder and 10 counts of aggravated sexual assault and one count of attempted aggravated sexual assault.

A dangerous offender can be jailed indefinitely.

Forensic psychiatrist Dr. Philip Klassen, called by the Crown at the dangerous offender hearing, said Aziga ascribed his actions to a number of issues, but placed "a great deal of weight" on having a genital defect.

"He said that because of this abnormality he hid sexual information about himself all his life,' Klassen testified.

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Spread the McHappiness

More than 10,000 families stay at Ronald McDonald House each year

Like many parents, Angela Gamble-Schell was blindsided when, last August, doctors diagnosed her 12year-old daughter Alysha with pineoblastoma, a malignant brain tumour.

"A week earlier, my kids and I were watching stories of little children on the Sick Kids channel and I thought to myself, 'I'm so glad that my kids are healthy.' A week later, we ended up down at Sick Kids ourselves," she said.

Alysha's illness required her to remain near the hospital for some time while she underwent tests, radiation and high-dose chemotherapy.

"The doctors were telling us this is a very long road," Gamble-Schell said.

"And we worried about how we were going to stay in the city with Alysha."

A social worker suggested Ronald McDonald House, a charity-run home for families who, like the Schells, need supportive, long-term accommodations while their children undergo medical treatment.

The house receives part of its funding through events like today's McHappy Day, where one dollar from each Big Mac, coffee, tea and Happy Meal goes toward a variety of child-focused charities.

"McHappy Day is an opportunity to really help the Ronald McDonald House and other children's charities get the kind of community grassroots support they need," said Cathy Loblaw, executive director of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Canada.

After close to a year, Alysha has conquered her illness and the family will soon head home.

"It's been a long road, and it was very scary, but she's our hero now," the proud mother said.

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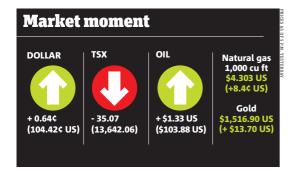
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Food processor George Weston Ltd. says wholesale buyers have been resisting price increases it started charging earlier this year to help offset the rising cost of ingredients it uses to make breads and other products.

The company has said that climbing commodity prices, plus the higher cost of gasoline, could have a \$65-million effect on its bottom line this year.

This follows an announcement of first-quarter profits that more than doubled to \$105 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Microsoft calls on Skype

\$8.5-billion US takeover deal is largest in software firm's history

Microsoft's \$8.5-billion US purchase of Skype is the biggest deal in the soft-ware maker's 36-year history but also means a billion-dollar payout for the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, a major stakeholder in the popular Internet telephone service.

Buying Skype would give Microsoft a potentially valuable communications tool as it tries to become a bigger force on the Internet and in the increasingly important smartphone market. Microsoft said it will marry Skype's functions to its Xbox game console, Outlook email program and Windows smartphones. The company said it will continue to support Skype on other software platforms.

The CPPIB paid \$300million for a 15 per cent stake in Skype in 2009 when the majority of the service was sold off by

About 170 million people log in to Skype's services every month, though not all of them make calls.

eBay Inc. for about \$2 billion US to an investor group that also included Skype's original founders. EBay kept the remaining 35 per cent interest in the company.

However, the settlement of patent litigation has diluted the board's stake to a current 11.7 per cent, for which it will receive \$930 million if the deal goes through tripling its initial investment.

The sellers also include eBay Inc. and private-equifirms Andreessen Horowitz and Silver Lake, in which CPPIB holds about a \$50-million stake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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speeding, not wearing your seatbelt, parking in the handy handicapped spot or bumping into someone's car and skulking away from the scene of the accident without leaving contact info.

Nor is the average Brit's criminal activity restricted to the automobile. In a

recent gocompare.com survey of 3,000 ordinary felons, 28 per cent admitted to taking drugs and another 34 per cent confessed to having sex in public — no word on whether or not they were wearing their seatbelt at the

The not-so-veddy proper British break the law an av-

"When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch."

erage of 21 times per year. When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch.

Here in the colonies, it can't be much better. Because in England, everyone is jammed together; there's a surveillance camera every six feet, and if you even think about breaking the law, they've got you on video. Here in the New World, there's plenty of wide open space to evade detection.

Speaking of confessions,

I'm probably guilty of every violation on the survey, although I can't remember the last time I had sex in public and don't know how to download music illegally (without getting a virus). But the spirit is willing.

There's comfort in numbers. According to the survey, 79 per cent of Brits violate the speed limit. And that's only because traffic is bad.

Are people getting worse or are there just too many laws? The spokesman for the survey company thinks Brits are so used to breaking the law on a daily basis they hardly notice. And he thinks it's much worse than 21 times per year. Most people don't know, for example, that it's illegal to ride your bike on the sidewalk or fail to pick up after your cockapoo.

Ît's just too easy to break the vast array of unenforceable laws that allegedly govern our behaviour. The solution — to pass more laws in an attempt to bludgeon us into submission just feeds our criminal intent.

So it's kind of hilarious when Stephen Harper says he is going to get tough on crime, and we all nod our heads in solemn accord. Right.

And by the way, how many laws did HE break yesterday?

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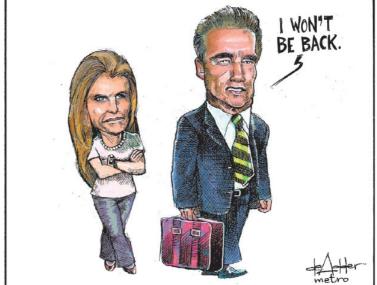


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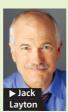


Letters

OTTAWA. In the past I have always been a supporter of NDP policy and continue to agree with many of their principles.

However, the recent articles outlining their intended efforts to strengthen Quebec's language laws upset me.

Every position in federal and provincial governments does not



require French language skills. Many people know someone who was paid to attend mandato-

ry French language training and never uses it.

Many university-educated anglophones are excluded from jobs and careers because of current policy. The language restrictions need to be relaxed, not get more stringent. I have no problem with advancing bilingual candidates where a position truly warrants it, since speaking two languages is certainly an asset. I feel so strongly about this issue that the NDP has lost me as a support-

NATASHA SOROKAN

Rome rejects rumbling rumours

Italian officials are going to extraordinary lengths to try to debunk an urban legend predicting a devastating earthquake in Rome today.

The country's civil protection department has posted an information packet on its website stressing that quakes can't be predicted and Rome isn't particularly at risk.

The national geophysics institute will open its doors to the public

today to inform the curious and the concerned about seismology.

The effort is all designed to debunk a purported prediction of a major Roman quake on May 11, 2011, attributed to self-taught seismologist Raffaele Bendandi, who died in 1979. The only problem is Bendandi never made the prediction, says Paola Lagorio, president of the association in charge of Bendandi's documentation.

Lagorio insists there is no evidence in Bendandi's papers of any such precise a prediction and blames unidentified forces who want to "frighten people and create this situation of panic that is attributed to a prediction Bendandi never made." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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His booty's full of awards

• Geoffrey Rush tells Metro how he lives the life of an award-winning actor and a pirate



Coming off the critical raves — plus awards and nominations — he received for The King's Speech, Australian actor Geoffrey Rush is easing back into his pirate drawl to once again play Capt. Barbossa opposite Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger

Metro sat down for a one-on-one with the Oscar winner.

I hear you snuck into one of the press screenings to catch the film.

I thought I wanted to hold off until [the premiere at] Disney Land and do all of that stuff, but there are three journeys in this film that are on individual ships, so I only knew everything that happened to Barbossa and the Royal Navy on the Providence, but I had no idea how they'd shot the mermaid stuff, how they'd done the Queen Anne's Revenge. It was fantastic; it was really thrilling.

What do you think of how Barbossa has progressed from the first film?

It's an enjoyable thing. I think we would've run out of validity for him being part of the storyline if he'd remained only the kind of dark, black-hearted mercenary villain from Part One. And within the story, in the

trilogy and now in Part Four, they've brought in Cutler Beckett from the East India Trading Company as a kind of corporate villain adversary for Jack Sparrow, and there's been Davy Jones and now we've got Blackbeard. That's given Barbossa room to move.

With two more films planned for the series, where do you see him going?

Johnny and I were saying, you know, if only these two guys could get together, they would be the best kickass team in the world. Because Jack's got an extraordinary daring, improvisational, "take the crises as they come and deal with them" (attitude), and Barbossa fancies himself as a rather brilliant strategic long-termplanning mastermind. But they're always at odds, completely.

Are you familiar with the phrase "EGOT"?

I've been made aware of it. I know it came up in a 30 Rock episode. It means winning an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. You have three. Do you have any plans to try to win a

Grammy?

(laughs) Oh, well, you know. I had no thought way back even of being honoured by the Academy with an Oscar, and I remember thinking, highly unlikely that I'll end

up doing anything for American television, so where would an Emmy come from?"

Let alone a Tony, because — particularly with Exit the King, taking an Australian production to Broadway, there was no precedent for that.

But the Grammy thing, I don't know. I'll have to put out a rather boring album of poetry or something.

(laughs) You know, it's not keeping me awake at





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Paul Bettany, Robert de Niro, Rowan Atkinson and Max von Sydow share? Mr. Jennifer Connelly, the Oscar winner, Mr. Bean, and the legendary Swedish superstar all have one part in common; they have all played priests on the big screen.

In this weekend's postapocalyptic action horror film, Priest, Bettany plays the title character, a warrior pastor hunting the vampires who kidnapped his niece. Based on Min-Woo Hyung's graphic novels, the movie also features Christopher Plummer as the

Monsignor,

endary Canadian actor as "a horrible priest gone wrong — a lovely, stylish villain.

In the Barry Levinson film, Sleepers, De Niro was Father Bobby, a Hell's Kitchen priest who lies in court to prevent four of his parishioners from going to jail for killing a sadistic prison guard.

Atkinson played Father Gerald, a new vicar performing his first marriage ceremony in Four Weddings and a Funeral. The tongue-tied priest has some of the film's funniest lines, including, "In the name of the father, the son and the holy goat. Er... ghost.'

Probably the most famous movie celebrant is Father Lankester Merrin, as portrayed by Max von Sydow in The Exorcist and the Exorcist II: The HereticVon. Sydow is one of the few actors to have played both God in The Greatest Story Ever Told and the Devil in Needful Things. But, it his first film and the iconic line "The Power of Christ compels you!" that is most memorable.

Fresh directors take the spotlight at Cannes

Only 49 of more than 17,000 films selected for screening

JÉRÔME VERMELIN

METRO WORLD NEWS IN FRANCE

Who said Cannes is a private club? The 64th Cannes Film Festival, which opens today, is full of fresh new talents with seven first time directors, two of them candidates for the famous Palme d'Or.

"It's a happy coincidence," says Cannes boss Thierry Frémaux. "We didn't choose young directors on purpose, but it turned out they deserved to compete with the likes of Pedro Almodovar, Nanni Moretti or Lars Von Trier."

Among the newcomers is Australian writer Julia Leigh with her first film, Sleeping Beauty. This erotic tale of a young call girl, who forgets about her

Another first time director Austrian Markus Schleinzer, a former casting director of Palme d'Or winner Michael Haneke.

His movie, Michael. may create strong controversy since its main character is a pedophile murderer.

Other fresh directors are French actress Maiwenn, who will present Polisse, a cop movie with French rapper JoeyStarr; the Danish Nicolas Winding Refn, who brings, Drive, his first American film starring actor Ryan Gosling; and Scottish director Lynne Ramsay, with We Need to Talk About Kevin, the portrait of a teenage sociopath.

Could they win the Palme d'Or? It happened in the past. Martin Scorsese with Taxi Driver in





Schwarzenegger says that he won't be back

• Maria Shriver and Arnold release statement that they are now living apart

Former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver have separated, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"At this time, we are living apart while we work on the future of our relationship," the couple says in a statement.

"We are continuing to parent our four children together. They are the light and the center of both of our lives. We consider this a private matter and neither we nor any of our friends or family will have further comment."

The couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.



Talking points

Taking a royal honeymoon

NOT CHUMP CHANGE.
Prince William and his new wife, Princess
Catherine, have finally left on their royal honeymoon, though that's about all the information their spokespeople want to divulge.

"We are not confirming, and we are not commenting, on speculation on where they may be going on their private honeymoon, we are just confirming that they have gone," a spokesman said, adding, "The couple have asked that their privacy be respected during their honeymoon."

The Daily Mail reports the couple are staying in a \$6,500 a night villa.

Celebrity tweets



"it's kinda lame when someone @in

you met briefly and never worked with comments on you. I will continue to wish them luck and be kind."



"Trying to motivate to workout for the last 45 min...

@iessicaalba

Argh -O.k. I'm gonna do it."



"The phrase "no man is an island" is in-

correct. Bubba Carr, 42, of Norso, TN, is actually an island, with palm tree & fruit stand."

Whitney back in rehab

Whitney Houston is back in rehab and has been receiving treatment for at least 10 days, according to People magazine.

"Whitney Houston is currently in an out-patient rehab program for drug and alcohol treatment," the singer's rep says.

"Whitney voluntarily entered the program to support her long-standing recovery process."

The treatment is most likely professionally motivated, according to TMZ.

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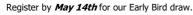
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Hot on Captain Jack Sparrow's trail

• The fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise was filmed in some amazing locations around the globe that are worthy of a voyage of your own to explore



The producers behind the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise didn't let the series' name limit them when it came to locations for the latest film, sending Johnny Depp's loveable Capt. Jack Sparrow around the world in search of the fabled Fountain of Youth, from London to Hawaii and, of course, to the Caribbean.

Metro has handily charted his course so that you can embark on your own quest.

FIRST STOP: **LONDON**

The film starts with a high-speed carriage chase through 18th century London, something difficult to recreate in 2011. But while in England's capital, check out some of the film's exterior locations, including the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich and Hampton Court Palace, once the home of Henry VIII, which stood in for St. Iames Court.



SECOND STOP:

The On Stranger Tides action then heads to Hawaii. Most of the film's sailing footage was shot in the pristine waters off the coast of Oahu, with the crew making landfall on Kauai. "There's a section of this movie which is very Indithere's a trek through the most amazing jungles you've ever seen," says production designer John Myhre. "We found these unbelievable jungles on Kauai — jungles, waterfalls. Huge over-scaled growth, the most beautiful mountains you've ever seen."

THIRD STOP:

ern coast of Puerto Rico. The uninhabited gem is reachable by boat, and only Depp and co-star Penelope Cruz set foot on the beach, with the rest of the crew bobbing off-shore so as not to leave any footprints. The crew also filmed scenes on the main island, using Old San Juan's spectacular Castillo de San Cristobal, a massive fort built by the Spanish in

60 seconds

GETTING THE LOOK OF ON STRANGER TIDES

Academy Awardwinning production designer John Myhre told us about filming and travelling for the latest Pirates of the Caribbean.

How did the look of this installment differ from the others?

Our movie had a much more rugged look to it, so our world of Pirates of the Caribbean wasn't necessarily white-sand beaches and beautiful palm trees. We found beautiful rocky areas. We used a beautiful spot on Oahu called Halona

If you were to return to one of the film's locations for a holiday, which would it be? I just fell in love with Kauai. Kauai to me was everything that you want Hawaii to be. It was just such lush, beautiful, gorgeous vegetation.

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PUERTO RICO Finally, the film winds up in the actual Caribbean, shooting on the gorgeous white sands of Palominito, an islet off the northeast-

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Five off-season travel options

If you were thinking of hitting the hottest beach spots or the national parks' best hotels this summer, booking at this late date could require a serious investment.

But there are still ways to take a great vacation without sacrificing your wallet. Consider travelling where everyone else does not at this time of year, like a ski resort or an island just outside the hurricane belt.

Here are five tips for booking off-season vacations in high-style locations.

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Try the Gulf

Yes, that The Gulf of Mexico. A year after the oil spill, Gulf coasters want people to come back, and they are ready to deal. "It's beautiful, and hotel rates are still lower than they have been," says Jason Clampet of Frommers.com. He estimates that staying in many Gulf of Mexico resorts now costs roughly what it did in 2004.



Do your ABCs

A vacation to much of the Caribbean during hurricane season — from June to November — can be unpredictable. But some islands lie outside the hurricane belt. Though not bargain-basement cheap, a trip to the so-called ABC islands — Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao - is more affordable in summer than winter. and you will be outside the danger zone.



Head to the Hills

Ski resorts remain popular destinations off-season. Vacationers can ride ski lifts into the mountains for hiking, mountain biking and many other summer activities. "You can get a really great discount, I would say somewhere between 20 to 40 per cent," by booking off-season, says Anne Banas, of smartertravel.com.



Go to Town

Banas says a trip to a major metropolis like New York, Boston or Chicago can be had at a discount in the summer. "You want to think of alternatives to what everyone else wants to do," says Banas. Particularly in August, city dwellers flee in droves, and top hotels - especially those that cater to business travellers — often are in need of customers, Ba-



Be Flexible

Above all, if you stay flexible about every aspect of your trip, you will save the most. For deals, Clampet recommends "flash" travel sites, which take the approach of members-only sellers like Rue La La or Gilt and offer travel at steep discounts for brief periods. Options include sniqueaway.com, VoyagePrive.com and jet-



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A trip to Western Massachusetts

There is plenty of history, charm and 'accidental' beauty in the region Delve in all that is Emily Dickinson

Some tourist attractions can be easily experienced, by taking in a scenic view or driving down a famous byway. But other places must be explored to be appreciated, with layers revealed as you go. That's how it is in western Massachusetts, with sites like the Emily Dickinson Museum, the Quabbin Reservoir's "accidental wilderness" and many other treasures — from great restaurants to unusual bookstores - waiting to be discovered.

Of course there are Wal-Starbucks and marts. Dunkin' Donuts here, just like everywhere else. But vou can also tune into the region's bucolic, historic side by driving along winding roads past small farms, town squares, and communities founded in the 17th and 18th centuries. One of the region's nicknames, the Pioneer Valley, was a promotional name dreamed up by businessmen in the early 1900s harking back to those early settlements.

As you roam around, you'll see that each town has a unique claim to fame. Deerfield is famous

If you go ...

- Emily Dickinson Museum. 280 Main St., Amherst, Mass.; emilydickinsonmuseum.org or 413-542-8161. Tours, \$10 for 90 minutes, \$8 for 45 minutes.
- Quabbin Reservoir and Park. Visitor Center, 485 Ware Rd., Route 9, Belchertown, Mass. mass.gov/dcr/ parks/central/quabbin.ht m or 413-323-7221.

as the site of an attack in 1704 by Native Americans and their French allies in which more than 40 villagers were killed and over 100 taken captive. South Deerfield is home to the Yankee Candle flagship store, where Santa's elves are always hard at work and it snows indoors every four minutes. In Shelburne Falls, blooms change by the season on the Bridge of Flowers. Tulips were big in early May, vibrant pink peonies will flower soon.

Another side of the area's personality comes through in a different nickname — the Happy Valley, which suits the counterculture vibe that's perhaps inevitable with so



many college campuses nearby (Amherst College, Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, Smith and UMass-Amherst among others), along with generations of alumni who never left.

For a unique outdoor experience, visit Quabbin Park, which was created in

the 1930s when four towns were moved to make way for a 101-square-kilometre reservoir fed by local rivers. The watershed area consists of 48,000 hectares of forests and meadows cleared of human habitation to keep the waters pristine. The

reservoir supplies water to more than two million people in 51 communities, and the landscape is an unusual mix of engineering, human history and open space.

"The term accidental

"The term accidental wilderness captures the essence of it," said Clif Read, supervisor of Quabbin's interpretive services. "It was not designed as a wilderness area or wildlife sanctuary or state park, but because of the protection of the area around the drinking water, it has become wild."

Set aside a couple of hours to immerse yourself in the world of Emily Dickinson. Even the poet's most ardent fans might be daunted by the prospect of a 90-minute tour of the Homestead, the house where she lived and died, and the Evergreens, a neighbouring home where her brother's family lived. But the tour is fascinating and feels more like a twoact play than a museum visit. (A 45-minute version of the tour skips the Evergreens.)

Ask at the museum for directions to West Cemetery, where Dickinson is buried, less than a 10-minute walk away. The tombstone bears the words "Called back," a phrase the poet used in a letter shortly before her death, suggesting perhaps that she was not quite of this world.

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Bruschetta for breakfast

• Strawberries and ricotta make this a sweet twist on a classic

Traditional tomato bruschetta has become so ubiquitous you can even buy jars of prepared toppings and pre-toasted bread. So we decided to reinvent it as a breakfast or dessert item.

Instead of starting with garlic-rubbed toast, we take slices of baguette and slather them with low-fat. yet creamy part-skim ricotta cheese.

If you like, you could vary the recipe by using reduced-fat cream cheese or even thick Greek-style yogurt.

We then top them with sliced strawberries and a drizzle of honey - reminiscent of the tomatoes and olive oil from traditional versions

Capping the creamy strawberry toasts is a sprinkle of herbs to add a fresh counterpoint to all the sweetness.

Preparation:

- Place baguette slices on baking sheet and toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until lightly golden.
- Spread each slice with about 1 tbsp (15 mL) of ricotta cheese. Divide diced strawberries among slices of toast.
- Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with mint to serve.
- Place baquette slices on baking sheet and toast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until lightly golden. Makes 10 servings (2 slices per serv-

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Ingredients:

- 1 baguette (12 inches/30
- 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) part-

- · Liquid honey
- 20 fresh mint or basil

Ricotta Brunch Trifle

Preparation:

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- In bowl, whisk together ricotta cheese, orange zest and juice, and honey; set aside.
- In large bowl, combine strawberries, blueberries and bananas.
- Place one third of the cookies on the bottom of a trifle bowl or 7-cup (1.75 L) flat bottomed bowl.
- Top with one third of the ricotta mixture and one third of the fruit mixture. Repeat twice with remaining ingredients
- Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or for up to 1 day. Garnish with mint before serving. Makes 6 to 8 servings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients:

- 1 tub (475 g) smooth ricotta cheese
- 2 tsp (10 mL) grated orange zest • 1/4 cup (60 mL) orange
- iuice • 2 tbsp (30 mL) liquid
- honey • 2 cups (500 mL)
- quartered strawberries • 1-1/2 cups (375 ml.) fresh
- blueberries or raspberries • 1 banana, sliced
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My curiousity and interests led me to graduate with two degrees from the University of Ottawa: a degree in biochemistry and a degree in chemical engineer-

While still in school, I was warned that landing a job would be difficult, so I attended several career and actively researched the job market.

A year later, I am still

looking for work. Family friends frequently point out that their son with only one degree has found a job, so what am I doing wrong?

Having two degrees, I am considered over-qualified for some positions, while lacking the experience employers expect. I have laboratory research experience in the university and hospital setting; however this does not qualify as engineering experience.

Post-graduation is difficult for everyone. I have friends who have done coop placements with the government, with rave reviews from their bosses, only to not land a job after graduation due to departmental freezes.

Success comes from good timing, being open-minded and persistent, but in the end it's dumb luck!

Most of my colleagues have gotten jobs by networking with their contacts. A friend of mine landed a job through someone his mom met while working out at the gym.

I think employers should organize more events where potential recruits can meet with company members as part of the application process. A good personality and passion for the organization's work is much more important in the long term than experi-

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Where Sarah is now

I will attend career fairs to try to meet employers face to face rather than relying on online applications. Meanwhile, I am study-

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working part-time as an art assistant and portraiture model. As you can imagine, it is really devastating for someone to go through focused professional

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Employees often author their own workplace misfortunes. Few take

advantage of this country's lenient labour laws and fewer challenge their employer's decisions. however unjust. Most will just complain. But if you have an inclination to fight back, here are some key do's and don'ts:

Do not expect that promotional decisions will be made fairly. There is no legal requirement to promote the longest serving or most meritorious employee.

Do protest your employer's decisions that you disagree with, such as a poor performance appraisal, and do it in writing. Failing to respond simply conveys to your employer that you agreed with its decision or at least that you did not care enough to complain.

Do not sign contracts without negotiating first. Employers deliberately prepare employer friendly agreements, since most people will just agree to

what they are given, happy to get anything at all. Contracts are always negotiable - so push back on one-sided terms.

Do be wary of skeletons in your closet. Just about every employee has one. If yours is so bad you can't risk it being exposed, then do not challenge your employer's decision to discipline or dismiss you, however unjust. Some

workplace skeletons, although not harmful to your case, will ultimately be harmful to your career.

Do not leave agreements to handshakes or memory. Employers conveniently "forget" about oral agree-ments once employees leave and courts often refuse to intervene without written evidence of a deal. If there is something important enough to agree to, then put it into writing

or you risk it not being en-

Do not assume your position is safe. No job is. Employers maintain the right to restructure, without an explanation, as long as some notice or severance is provided.

Do pick your battles prudently: In one recent case, the employee lost because he refused to complete an assignment, mistakenly believing it was not part of his job. Do not expect a court or your employer's sympathy when you challenge whether you should perform your work.

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Are you ready to tough it out alone?



To own a small business: For generations, it has been the dream of self-starters fed up with that somebody they've got to serve.

But with unemployment up, small biz gurus say that self-employment is today less an entrepreneur's fantasy than the only sure place to land a job — at Me, Myself, & I LLP.

There are certainly people sitting around saying, 'I have no other option," author John Jantsch of Duct Tape Marketing, says.
They should know that

the option isn't as easy as it was in kinder recessions,

Small Business Is Like a Bunch of Bananas author Iim Blasingame says

The unemployables of the early '90s, he notes, dropped their job hunting spears to sow the start-ups that made millions in the late 90s.

But they enjoyed loans more generous than any post-crash bank would dare extend.

"When it comes to traditional access to boot-strapping start-up money, both the major sources dried up in 2008," he explained.

Credit card ceilings fell to the floor, he said. Never mind the other source of start-up loot for most small businesses: a house.



"What banks are going to give you a home equity loan these days?" he said.

No Money No Problems

The good news, Jantsch counters, is that you don't need the kind of cash you used to.

"In a way there's never been a better time to start a business, because you can get into some fashion of a business for little or no money," he says.

internet

equipped people with some incredible tools, giving them a reach that's global, and in that regard, faced with no choice, that can make this a great time to do

The problem, Blasingame says, is that you'll likely be up against ultralean, companies that have survived a bloodletting recession that only made stronger what it didn't kill.

going to be competing with

what it costs to make a profit, they know what it takes to be competitive, and if they didn't know, they wouldn't still be in business. If you delude yourself into thinking you can outprice them, you're going to fail."

All About You

Picking the moment for vour small business launch the economy is, than where you are, NAME cautions. Are you sufficiently experienced? Are you willing and able to put in 12-hour days for months on end? Do you have the clientele?

"In America, there's never a time when you should not start a small business, but they're might be a time when you're not prepared," he says.

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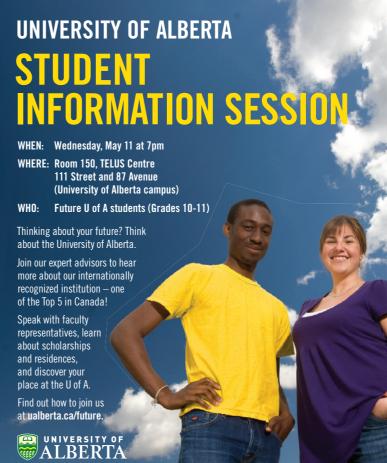
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Red Wings force Sharks to Game 7

● Detroit climbs back from 3-0 hole to send series to deciding game

Henrik Zetterberg and Valtteri Filppula scored less than two minutes apart in the third period, and the Detroit Red Wings rallied again for a 3-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks last night, forcing a decisive seventh game after trailing 3-0 in the secondround series.

San Jose must defend home ice tomorrow night to avoid becoming the fourth NHL team to lose a best-of-seven series after leading 3-0. San Jose's Logan Couture scored early in the third period, but Zetterberg tied it with 9:22 remaining, and Filppula scored the winner with 7:28 left.

Darren Helm added an empty-net goal. Every other game in the series was decided by one goal.

Detroit scored the last three goals of Game 5 to win 4-3.

Philadelphia came all the way back last year in the second round, winning the final four games against Boston.

The recent success makes the task seem less daunting for the Red Wings

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Skating with confidence
and desperation, the Red
Wings outshot San Jose 4525, but they were on the
verge of elimination after



Couture batted a rebound out of midair and the puck trickled past goalie Jimmy Howard with 16:06 remaining. The puck barely crossed the goal-line before Howard covered it with his glove, but the goal stood after a review.

Zetterberg tied it by deflecting a wrist shot by Niklas Kronwall past goalie Antti Niemi, and the Sharks never regained momentum. Filppula put Detroit ahead, converting a nice cross-ice pass by Pavel Datsyuk.

The Red Wings outplayed the Sharks from the start. At the midway point of the first period, Detroit had an 11-1 edge in shots, to the delight of the home crowd that had given the Red Wings a standing ovation when they took the ice.

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Avery's same-sex stance draws criticism

New York Ranger Sean Avery's support for same-sex marriage has drawn fire from a hockey agent.

"Very sad to read Sean Avery's misguided support of same-gender 'marriage.' Legal or not, it will always be wrong," said a tweet from Todd Reynolds, vicepresident of Uptown Sports Management, whose clientele includes Chris Neil, Cody McCormick and Mike Fisher.

Avery stated his support in a video that is part of the New Yorkers for Marriage Equality campaign.

After his initial tweet,
Reynolds continued.

"To clarify. This is not hatred or bigotry towards gays. It is not intolerance in any way shape or form. I believe we are all equal."

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Sports in brief

Man City edges past Spurs

soccer. Manchester City qualified for the Champions League for the first time, beating Tottenham 1-0 yesterday on an own goal by Peter Crouch in the 30th minute.

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Ochocinco now rodeo bound

NFL. Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco, who earlier this year had a tryout with Sporting Kansas City of MLS, has accepted a challenge from Professional Bull Riders chief operating officer Sean Gleason to ride a bull at the Lucas Oil Invitational this weekend in Duluth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

PLAYOFFS

All times Easter

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON VS. TAMPA BAY (Tampa Bay wins 4-0) PHILADELPHIA VS. BOSTON

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER VS. NASHVILLE (Vancouver wins 4-2)

Monday's result Vancouver 2 Nashville 1 SAN JOSE VS. DETROIT (Series tied 3-3)

Last night's result Detroit 3 San Jose 1

Tomorrow's game Detroit at San Jose, 9 p.m.

RED WINGS 3, SHARKS 1

First Period — No Scoring. Penalties — Boyle SJ (holding) 3:59. Demers SJ (elbowing), Hudler Det (holding) 11:13, Kronwall Det (holding) 14:19, Setoguchi SJ (hooking) 14:51.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Mitchell SJ (roughing), Datsyuk Det (holding, roughing) 4:35, Marleau SJ (boarding) 10:39, Holmstrom Det (goaltender interference) 11:32, Murray SJ (tripping) 19:10. Third Period

1. San Jose, Couture 5 (Heatley) 3:54 2. Detroit, Zetterberg 2 (Kronwall, V.Filppula) 10:38 3. Detroit, V.Filppula 2 (Datsyuk) 12:32

Penalties — Abdelkader Det (holding) 13:14, Thornton SJ (slashing), Pavelski SJ, Couture SJ, Cleary Det, Stuart Det (roughing) 19:50.

San Jose 6 7 12 18 14 13 -25 -45 Detroit Goal — San Jose: Niemi (L,6-5-0); Detroit: Howard (W,7-3-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — San Jose: 0-4; Detroit: 0-5. Referees - Paul Devorski, Dan O'Rourke Linesmen — Scott Driscoll, Brad Kovachik. Att. — 20,066 (20,066) at Detroit.

SCORING LEADERS

| | G | Α | PT |
|-----------------|---|----|----|
| Kesler, Vcr | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| Datsyuk, Det | 3 | 11 | 14 |
| Ward, Nash | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| St. Louis, TB | 6 | 7 | 13 |
| Clowe, SJ | 4 | 9 | 13 |
| Lecavalier, TB | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| P.Bergeron, Bos | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| Downie, TB | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| Giroux, Pha | 1 | 11 | 12 |
| Couture, SJ | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Marchand, Bos | 5 | 6 | 11 |
| Purcell, TB | 1 | 10 | 11 |
| D.Sedin, Vcr | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Horton, Bos | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Krejci, Bos | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 5 | 5 | 10 |
| Cammalleri, Mtl | 3 | 7 | 10 |

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

FINAL

Sunday's game Washington at Toronto, 2 p.m. (EDT)

J.Thornton, SJ Briere, Pha Legwand, Nash Boyle, SJ Ehrhoff, Vcr H.Sedin, Vcr Bergenheim, TB Burrows, Vcr Lidstrom, Det Heatley S.I. Moore, TB Perry, Ana van Riemsdyk, Pha Selanne, Ana Pavelski, SJ Kelly, Bos Fisher, Nash Holmstrom, Det Filppula, Det Recchi, Bos Zetterhera Det Gragnani, Buf

HOCKEY

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MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL QUALIFICATION ROUND STANDINGS

| | GP | W | OW | 0L | L | GF | GΑ | Pt |
|------------|----|---|----|----|---|----|----|----|
| Czech Rep. | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 7 | 15 |
| Finland | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 10 | 10 |
| Germany | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 17 | 8 |
| Russia | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 7 |
| Slovakia | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 14 | 3 |
| Denmark | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 22 | 2 |
| Group F | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | OW | 0L | L | GF | GA | Pt |
| Canada | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 11 | 13 |

1 18 10 10 2 17 15 8 2 15 19 7 1 Norway IISΔ 0 2 11 12 4 5 22 Switzerland

Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss

Monday's results At Kosice

Canada 3 Sweden 2 Switzerland 5 United States 3 France 5 Norway 2

Slovakia 4 Denmark 1 Finland 3 Russia 2 (SO) Czech Republic 5 Germany 2 **OUARTER-FINALS** All games at Bratislav Today's games

All times Fastern Czech Republic vs. United States, 10:15 a.m. Sweden vs. Germany, 2:15 p.m. Tomorrow's games

Finland vs. Norway, 10:15 a.m Canada vs. Russia, 2:15 p.m. SEMI-FINALS

Friday's games Czech Republic-United States winner vs. Sweden-Germany winner, 10:15 a.m.
Finland-Norway winner vs. Canada-Russia winner, 2:15 p.m.

MEDAL ROUND Sunday's games At Bratislava Bronze Medal Semi-final Losers, 10 a.m Gold Medal Semi-final Winners, 2:30 p.m

EAST DIVISION

Laich, Wash M.Richards, Pha Wellwood, SJ Setoguchi, SJ Keith, Chi Semin, Wash MLB BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 6 (10 ING)

S.Koivu, Ana

Toronto YEscor ss Pedroia 2b AdGnzl 1b Youkils 3b Ortiz dh Cooper pr-1b CPttrsn If Bautist rf Encroc 1b-3b J.Drew rf A.Hill 2b JRiver dh Lowrie ss Arencii c Crwfrd If JMcDnl 3b-ss SltImch c RDavis cf DMcDn n

45 616 6 Totals 36 7 010 120 011 0-6 300 011 010 1-7 Two outs when winning run scored E-Encarnacion (8), Cooper (1). DP-Toronto 1. LOB-Boston 12, Toronto 10. 2B-Ortiz (5), Lowrie (8), Encarnacion (12). 3B-R.Davis (2). HR—Ad.Gonzalez 2 (6), Ortiz (5), Cooper (1),

Bautista (11), Arencibia (5). SB—Ellsbury (11), Pedroia (5), R.Davis 2 (9). CS—Pedroia (2), R.Davis (3). SF—Cooper.

IP H R ER BB SO

| Boston | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--------|-------|-------|---|---|
| Lester | 51-3 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| R.Hill | 11-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| R.Hill Aceves Bard | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Bard | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Albers L,0-1 | 12-3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Albers L,0-1 Toronto Drabek | | | | | | |
| Drabek | 5 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Frasor | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Rzepczynski BS,1-1 | 12-3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Rauch | 1-3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| F.Francisco BS,1-3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Villanueva W,1-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Frasor pitched to 1 | . batte | r in t | the 7 | th. | | |
| HBP—by Lester (Y | .Escob | ar), | by A | ceves | | |
| (J.Rivera). WP-F. | Francis | sco. | | | | |

T—3:53. A—17,820 (49,260). **BLUE JAYS STATISTICS**

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|-----------------|--------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| BATTERS | AB | R | Н | HR | RBI | AVG |
| Bautista | 92 | 26 | 33 | 10 | 19 | .359 |
| Lind | 128 | 19 | 40 | 7 | 27 | .313 |
| Escobar | 125 | 19 | 33 | 3 | 9 | .264 |
| Patterson | 96 | 11 | 25 | | 15 | .260 |
| Molina | 44 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 3 | .250 |
| Nix | 45 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 5 | .244 |
| Encarnacion | 103 | 10 | 25 | 0 | 8 | .243 |
| Hill | 70 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 9 | .243 |
| Arencibia | 88 | 6 | 21 | 4 | 11 | .239 |
| Rivera | 103 | 8 | 23 | 2 | 8 | .223 |
| McDonald | 74 | 9 | 15 | | 5 | .203 |
| Davis | 66 | 10 | 12 | | 2 | .182 |
| Cooper | 27 | 1 | 3 | | 2 | .111 |
| PITCHERS | W | L | SV | IP | S0 | ERA |
| Frasor | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15.1 | 14 | 1.76 |
| Villanueva | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20.1 | 15 | 1.77 |
| Janssen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14.1 | | 1.88 |
| Rzepczynski | 2 | 0 | 0 | 15.2 | | 2.30 |
| Camp | 0 | 1 | | 18.0 | | 2.50 |
| Francisco | 1 | 0 | 2 | 6.2 | 8 | 2.70 |
| Rauch | 1 | 2 | | 13.1 | 8 | 3.38 |
| Litsch | 3 | 2 | | 35.2 | | 4.04 |
| Romero | 2 | 4 | | 42.1 | | |
| Drabek | 2 | 2 | | 38.0 | 28 | |
| Morrow | 1 | 2 | 0 | 21.0 | | |
| Reyes | 0 | 3 | 0 | 36.0 | | |
| Dotel | 1 | 1 | 0 | 10.0 | 12 | 7.20 |
| Last night's ga | ame no | t in | clud | led | | |

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|-------|
| New York | 20 | 13 | .606 | - |
| Tampa Bay | 20 | 15 | .571 | 1 |
| Boston | 17 | 19 | .472 | 41/ |
| Toronto | 16 | 20 | .444 | 51/ |
| Baltimore | 15 | 19 | .441 | 51/ |
| CENTRAL DIVISION | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cleveland | 23 | 11 | .676 | _ |
| Kansas City | 18 | 17 | .514 | 51/2 |
| Detroit | 18 | 18 | .500 | 6 |
| Chicago | 14 | 22 | .389 | 10 |
| Minnesota | 12 | 21 | .364 | 101/2 |
| WEST DIVISION | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Los Angeles | 20 | 16 | .556 | _ |
| Texas | 19 | 18 | .514 | 11/ |
| Oakland | 19 | 18 | .514 | 11/ |
| Seattle | 16 | 20 | .444 | 4 |
| | | | | |

Last night's results

Toronto 7 Boston 6 (10 innings) N.Y. Yankees 3 Kansas City 1 Baltimore 7 Seattle 6 (13 innings) Cleveland 5 Tampa Bay 4 Texas 7 Oakland 2
Detroit at Minnesota
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels

Monday's results Detroit 10 Toronto 5 Oakland 7 Texas 2

Chicago White Sox 8 L.A. Angels 0 Boston 2 Minnesota 1 (11 innings)

Today's games All times Fastern

Detroit (Coke 1-5) at Minnesota (S.Baker 2-2), 1:10 p.m. Oakland (G.Gonzalez 4-2) at Texas (Harrison

3-4), 2:05 p.m. Kansas City (Chen 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 4-2), 7:05 p.m. Seattle (F.Hernandez 4-2) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Price 4-3) at Cleveland (C.Carrasco 1-1), 7:05 p.m. Boston (Lackey 2-4) at Toronto (Litsch 3-2),

7:07 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Peavy 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Chatwood 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m. Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m. Seattle at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

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Tonight's games All times Eastern

Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Dallas, 9 p.m. San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Saturday's games Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m. Colorado at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at New England, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Houston at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m. Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m. Kansas City at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m. Portland at Seattle, 11 p.m.

Sunday's games Chivas USA at New York, 7 n m

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| | W | L | Pct | GE |
|------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Philadelphia | 23 | | .657 | - |
| Florida | 21 | 14 | .600 | - 2 |
| Atlanta | 20 | 17 | .541 | ı |
| Washington | 17 | 18 | .486 | |
| New York | 16 | 20 | .444 | 71 |
| CENTRAL DIVISION | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GE |
| St. Louis | 21 | 15 | .583 | - |
| Cincinnati | 20 | 16 | .556 | |
| Pittsburgh | 18 | 18 | .500 | |
| Milwaukee | 16 | 20 | .444 | |
| Chicago | 15 | 19 | .441 | |
| Houston | 13 | 23 | .361 | |
| WEST DIVISION | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GI |
| Colorado | 19 | 15 | .559 | - |
| San Francisco | 18 | 16 | .529 | |
| Los Angeles | 17 | 20 | .459 | 31/ |
| | | | | |

San Diego Last night's results St. Louis 6 Chicago Cubs 4 Florida 2 Philadelphia 1

Cincinnati 7 Houston 3 Washington 7 Atlanta 6 Milwaukee 8 San Diego 6 L.A. Dodgers 10 Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Mets 4 Colorado 3

Arizona at San Francisco Monday's results Colorado 2 N.Y. Mets 1

Cincinnati 6 Houston 1 Philadelphia 6 Florida 4 Milwaukee 4 San Diego 3 Pittsburgh 4 L.A. Dodgers 1

Today's games

All times Eastern San Diego (Stauffer 0-1) at Milwaukee (Wolf 3-3). 1·10 n m

Cincinnati (Volquez 3-1) at Houstor (W.Rodriguez 2-3), 2:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-4) at Colorado (Jimenez 0-2), 3:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 3-3) at Pittsburgh (Ma-

holm 1-4), 7:05 p.m. Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 2-3) at Florida (Nolasco 3-0), 7:10 p.m.

Washington (Lannan 2-4) at Atlanta (Hanson

4-3), 7:10 p.m. St. Louis (Westbrook 2-2) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-4), 8:05 p.m. Arizona (Galarraga 3-2) at San Francisco (J.Sanchez 2-2), 10:15 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m. Arizona at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m. L.A. Dodgers at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m. Washington at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA

At Livorno, Italy
Fourth Stage
1. Brice Feillu, France, Leopard Trek, 5 hr, 55 min, 58 sec; 2. Dominic Klemme, Germany, Leopard Trek, s.t.; Also, Michael Barry, Toronto, Sky Procycling, 15 seconds behind

Overall Leaders (after fourth of 21 stages)

1. David Millar, Britain, Garmin-Cervelo, 10 hr. 4 mins, 29 sec: 2. Angel Vicioso Arcos, Spain Androni Giocattoli, 7 seconds behind

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

INTERNAZIONALI BNL D'ITALIA

At Rome Men's Singles — First Round

Nicolas Almagro (9), Spain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 6-0, 7-5. Stanislas Wawrinka (14), Switzerland, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 6-4.

Marin Cilic, Croatia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-4, 1-0 (retired). Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 7-6 (1), 1-0 (retired). Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy,

Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, def. John Is-

ner, U.S., 6-4, 6-1.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Michael Llodra,

France, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Men's Singles — Second Round Men's Singles — Section Audiu Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. Robin Soderling (5), Sweden, def. Fernando

Verdasco, Spain, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4. Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Juan

Monaco, Argentina, 6-2, 6-2.

Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-1, 6-2. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Sergiy

Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4.

Women's Singles — First Round
Shahar Peer (10), Israel, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 3-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Andrea Petkovic (12), Germany, def. Maria Kirilenko, Russia, 7-5, 6-1.

Romina Oprandi, Italy, def. Kaia Kanepi (14), Estonia, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (16), Russia, def.

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 7-5. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 7-5, 6-2. Anastasia Rodionova, Russia, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-4. Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Zheng Jie, China, 6-

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern SECOND ROUND

EASTERN CONFERENCE Chicago (1) vs. Atlanta (5) (Chicago leads 3-2) Last night's result Chicago 95 Atlanta 83

Tomorrow's game Chicago at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Miami (2) vs. Boston (3) (Miami leads 3-1)

Monday's result Miami 98 Boston 90 (OT) Tonight's game Boston at Miami, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE L.A. Lakers (2) vs. Dallas (3) (Dallas wins 4-0) Oklahoma City (4) vs. Memphis (8)

Monday's result Oklahoma City 133 Memphis 123 (30T) **Tonight's game** Memphis at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.



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Rear

Kia's designers have done a pretty good job at loping off the sedan's trunk and integrating the new rear end of the Forte5.

The lines remain crisp and purposeful from all angles, accentuated by the blacked-out door pillars and wrap-around taillights.

From the back though, the Forte5 appears suspiciously similar to the Subaru Impreza, a vehicle that automaker unabashedly refers to as a wagon. No wonder there's confusion out there.

Carrying capacity

The most important measurement for any practical hatch is the volume of stuff it can carry.

With the rear seat folded flat, the Forte5 can swallow a fair chunk of groceries; more than the Toyota Matrix or Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback but not as much as the Hyundai Elantra Touring or the diminutive (but surprisingly spacious) Honda Fit.

Engine

Common to all Forte body styles is the twoengine lineup. The base LX and EX models run with the 156-horsepower 2.0-litre fourcylinder, while a 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder belongs to the fancier SX. Fuel economy with the base engine and automatic transmission is rated at 5.5 l/100 km city and 8.0 highway. Those impressive numbers are sufficient to propel the Forte5 to the head of its compact wagon/hatchback class.



By comparison

Toyota Matrix

Base price: \$18,100 Popular, roomy Corolla-based wagon offers optional all-wheel-drive.

Dodge Caliber

Base price: \$16,000 Now more appealing with significant interior upgrades for 2011.

Mitsubishi Sportba<u>ck</u>

Base price: \$21,600 Lancer offshoot adds extra trunk room. Ralliart version really flies.

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Forte5 more than just an 'economy car'



The term "fuel economy" has always brought with it the "economy car" stigma, but there's a definite shift going on in 2011: good on gas can also mean a good car.

Maybe even a great car.

As if Kia was trying to prove the point, buyers now have a highly versatile Forte5 as well as the sedan and two-door "Koup" to choose from.

The Korea-based automaker refers to the Forte5 as a hatchback, but there's little to differentiate it from most typical wag-

ons.

Some might argue that the rear opening must be virtually vertical for a wagon to be called a wagon, while others believe the amount of storage space is the ideal determining factor

In any event, if Kia prefers calling the Forte5 (obviously not bothering to differentiate between passenger doors and rear-access cargo openings) a hatchback, then so be it.

In any event, the four-door Forte5 uses the same basic platform as the sedan and both cars are equal in width and in distance between the front and rear

wheels.

However, the Forte5 is actually shorter in overall length by about 19 centimetres and is trimmer by about 23 kilograms as a result

Whether entry level or loaded to the hilt, the Forte5 is a handsome, practical and affordable hauler.

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Say hello to a true gas-miser

• In terms of fuel efficiency, the Chevrolet Cruze Eco puts up some seriously good numbers



With today's gas prices, squeezing every possible kilometre from a litre of fuel is a priority.

That's the idea behind the Chevrolet Cruze Eco, a gas-miser version of the company's compact sedan.

By modifying its aerodynamics and powertrain, GM's engineers are able to wring an official highway figure of 4.6 L/100 km out of the stick-shift Eco, which is as good as some hybrids.

Like the Cruze IT and LTZ trim lines, the Eco uses a 1.4-litre four-cylinder engine. It's turbocharged, but unlike thirstier sports cars that use turbos for speed, the Cruze's provides largerengine power with smallerengine fuel economy and runs on regular-grade fuel.

(The LS, the entry-level Cruze model, uses a lesspowerful, non-turbo 1.8litre engine.)

The Eco starts at \$19,495 with a manual transmission and \$20,945 with an automatic.

The various body tweaks reduce wind resistance, which in turn improves mileage.

These include a slightly lower suspension, special underside panels, low-rolling-resistance tires, rear spoiler, and the neatest item, electronic air shutters.

Tucked behind the lower grille, which protects them from road debris, the shutters work like a Venetian blind.

They close when extra engine cooling isn't necessary, such as at highway speeds, or to help the en-



gine warm up faster after starting, since it works most efficiently at its optimum temperature.

GM says the Eco has about a 10 per cent aerodynamic improvement over the regular Cruze, over half of that due to the shutters.

They'll show up on some other GM vehicles in future, including the upcoming redesigned Malibu.

The Cruze is one of the best cars in the compact sedan segment right now.

Its smooth ride, roomy interior and very quiet cabin make it feel larger and more expensive than it is, although it's still small enough to easily manoeu-

Cruze Eco



What you should know about the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze Eco:

Price: Starting at \$19,495 (For Eco model; There is a cheaper LS trim line).

vre into tight parking spots.

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- ► Type: Four-door, frontwheel-drive compact sedan.
- Engine: 1.4-litre DOHC fourcylinder, turbocharged, 138 hp, 148 torque.
- Transmission: Six-speed manual; optional six-speed automatic.
- Market Position: The Cruze rivals Japanese and Korean competitors for its performance and interior quality. The Eco is the least-expensive of the 1.4-litreequipped models, but still includes plenty of features.

GM, and the Eco comes with numerous standard features, including ten airbags, air conditioning, stability control, keyless entry and satellite radio.

The engine is smooth and peppy on acceleration.

With the manual transmission, a light prompts you to upshift for better fuel economy, although rolling terrain will have you downshifting frequently to keep the little engine from getting too winded on hills.

Unable to do a full mileage check, I used the car's trip computer during a day's drive, with an average of 5.6 L/100 km overall.

With the price of fuel these days, that's the kind of number many buyers will like to see.





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Flared jeans are coming back. This time I'll take a pass. I suffered enough. I wore them all through high school in the 1970s, combined with long, centre-parted hair.

ut some things are definitely worth reviving. A case in point is luxury and high-performance cars, augmented with electrical power.

They're hybrids, yes, but hybrids on the other side of the spectrum from Toyota Prius.

The Prius and its ilk are all about fuel efficiency. The cache of a luxury/per-

formance hybrid, however, is three-fold: increased power, increased fuel efficiency, and the fact that this power and efficiency is only possible through exclusive and expensive technology not everybody can afford.

Like how many people will be able to afford the crazy new hybrid that Jaguar just announced?

Based on the C-X75 concept the British automaker displayed at the 2010 Paris auto show, production versions will be restricted to just 200 examples, at 700,000-plus British Pounds each?

I believe that translates to over \$1 million Canadian dollars, but I'm not sure, as I have been trying to stay away from math ever since Mr. Runstedtler's Grade 10 calculus class.

Porsche is on to its third hybrid. By fall, we should see the \$108,700 Panamera S Hybrid, which shares the same V6-electric powertrain as the Cayenne S Hybrid.

The other hybrid is a race car — the 911 GT3 R Hybrid. When the Panam-

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era S Hybrid was first shown in North America, at the recent auto show in New York, it was accompanied by a replica of Porsche's — and probably the world's — first gas-electric hybrid.

Ferdinand Porsche was just 24, when he engineered and built the 1900 Semper Vivas, as a member of the Austrian coach-building firm Jacob Only one example was ever built, and it didn't survive.

The Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, Germany, commissioned restorer, Hubert Drescher, to recreate the car, from only one known picture, and several sketch-

I had a chance to speak to Mr. Drescher, at the New York



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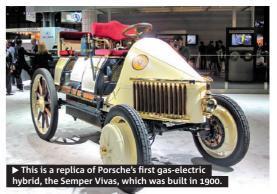
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show, and he noted there is not one original part on the car. It was completely recreated.

But the horn and the two 1.7-litre, single-cylinder De Dion Bouton engines are exactly the same vintage and type used on the original car. He found the engines at a flea market. Good score

The engines drive the rear wheels, and power a dynamo that juices the massive battery pack and the two enormous electric motors fitted to the front wheels.

The Semper Vivas can go

35-40 km/h on a flat road, pretty heady stuff for 1900. But a hill climber it is not. It weights almost two tons.

Gas was pretty cheap and abundant in 1900.

The young Ferdinand Porsche was not looking for electricity as a transportation salvation fuel, as some do today.

He was simply looking for ways to satisfy his — and the collective's — desire for powerful, high-performing automobiles.

Like another visionary, Yogi Berra, once opinioned: "It's like déjà-vu all over again."



Green batteries, yes, but not that cheap to recycle

One of the major challenges with electric vehicles is the size and range of their batteries.

Lithium-ion batteries are a major step up from conventional batteries, but there is currently little economic incentive to recycle their lithium — and that's the necessary final step in a "green" vehicle, according to global business research

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Lithium is a soft metal that has several uses, including medicine and nuclear energy.

The amount in an automotive battery depends on the power needed: around two kilograms for a plug-in hybrid, and around 10 kilograms for a pure-electric vehicle battery that produces more kilowatts, according to Aswin Kumar, automotive and transportation industry analyst for Frost & Sullivan.

The lithium in a battery is completely recyclable, but it's currently not cost-effective.

"The recycled lithium costs as much as five times the cost of lithium produced from the least-priced brine-based process," Kumar says.

"It is not competitive for the recycling companies to extract lithium from slag or competitive for the (manufacturers) to buy at higher price points from recycling companies."

Right now, much of the value in recycling such batteries comes from other materials they contain, such as nickel and cobalt, which are priced much higher than lithium — but technology marches on.

"Future battery

chemistries under research and development, such as phosphate or manganesebased chemistries, have little or no valuable metals like cobalt or nickel," Kumar says.

"Thus, there is a net negative value for recycling, as the effort to recycle only for lithium from these chemistries would be very high."

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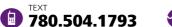
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Performance, style and all-weather handling defined last-gen X3

available engine options,

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BMW's X3 launched in 2004 as a smaller alternative to the brand's X5 SUV.

the brand's X5 SUV.

With a smaller and lighter body, car-like driving dynamics and a range of engineered to cater to active shoppers who didn't intend to slow down for bad weather.

Power came from several BMW straight-six engines, including both 2.5 and 3.0litre units making 184 or 225 horsepower in early 2.5i and 3.0i models, respectively. From 2007 and on, the three-litre unit was the sole engine offering, making 215 or 260 horsepower in 3.0i and 3.0si trim.

BMW's nomenclature change in 2009 saw the X3 switch to an "xDrive30i" badge, while a less powerful xDrive28i version was offered, too. All-wheel drive was standard on all models, and used shoppers can even search out an X3 with a six-speed manual on pre-2009 units. Five or six-speed automatic transmissions were available otherwise.

Look for feature content including heated leather, a sunroof, automatic climate control, wood trim, premium audio, tinted glass and plenty more.

What Owners Like

Styling, quality, handling, seats, all-weather traction, high-speed stability and a "fantastic" engine are all highly rated by BMW X3 owners in online forums. Many report getting "decent" fuel mileage, too.

What Owners Hate

Some X3 owners wish for a more premium feel to the X3's interior trim, as well as a more comfortable and soft ride on some models.

Many owners report "strange" shifting from the six-speed automatic transmission. Finally, several owners report uncomfortable and slightly cramped rear seat accommodations.

Common Issues

On a test-drive, be sure to

What's the 4-1-1

- Model: 2004 to 2010 BMW X3
- Vehicle Type: Crossover SUV
- Approximate used price range: \$13,000 to \$35,000

check all of the used X3's cabin electronics, including the stereo, climate control, computer readouts and power accessories including windows, mirrors, seats and sunroof.

If the model you're considering is an automatic and exhibits strange shifting characteristics, the fix may be a reprogramming or replacement of the transmission control computer.

A prominent "clicking" noise while turning could indicate a problem with the rear differential or a CV joint.

If such a sound is apparent, be sure to have the vehicle inspected by a BMW mechanic ahead of your purchase.

Finally, note that any warning lights related to the ABS or four-wheel drive system should be investigated before agreeing to purchase a used X3.

The Verdict

X3 won't be the used SUV market's cheapest choice—but most owners agree it hits the mark where elevated levels of styling, handling and comfort are concerned





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